

Town Talk

A PUZZLE A DAY

A man owed another man \$1.30. He gave his creditor a five-dollar bill, and asked for change. The latter gave him five coins in change. What were the denominations of the coins?

Yesterday's answer: 1 cent, 1 cent, 1 cent, 1 cent, 1 cent.



The diagram shows how one large square may be divided into eight perfect ones. One of the smaller squares is six times as large as the other seven.

RADIO PROGRAM

Program Tonight
7 p. m.—News. Weekly fashion talk for women, prepared by the Joseph Horne Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. United States semi-weekly public health bulletin.
7:30 p. m.—Bedtime story for the children.
7:45 p. m.—Summary of the New York Stock Exchange.
8 p. m.—"Dangers Incident to Christmas Celebration," prepared by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, New York City.
8:30 p. m.—Concert by KDKA Little Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Victor Seidick; Miss Ethel Edwards, soprano.
Program Tomorrow
7 p. m.—News. Tri-weekly letter from Farm and Home. Weekly summary of the iron and steel industries, prepared by the Iron Age.
7:30 p. m.—Bedtime story for the children.
7:45 p. m.—Summary of the New York Stock Exchange.
8 p. m.—An address by a prominent business man.
8:30 p. m.—Concert by the University of Pittsburgh Musical Clubs. T. E. E. Yorsley, director of the Glee Club; George T. McNamry, director, Mandolin Club; T. A. Little, president; Ralph N. Parkhill, manager; B. H. Kenyon, assistant manager; John L. Oarlet, pianist; Glee Club; A. W. Hille, accompanist; Mandolin Club; Rhynia L. Newlands, reader.
West Virginian
Fair with cold and light tonight.
Local Weather
Readings: Creed, 40; Hays, 40; Ob., 40; Temperatures at 5 a. m. today 42; yesterday 42. Yesterday's weather partly cloudy; temperature, maximum 47; minimum 26; precipitation .26.

At Philippi—T. D. Connell, secretary of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, is at Philippi today attending a meeting of the Monongahela Valley Association. Several important matters will come before the association at today's meeting.

At Cook Hospital—June Hale, son of John Hale, of Watson, was operated on today at Cook Hospital for the removal of his tonsils. Guy Pettit, of Burnhouse, W. Va., underwent a major operation today.

Other Leg Amputated—Louis Starnon, of Annabelle, an employee of the Four States Coal Co. who was badly crushed by a fall of coal in the mines over a week ago and who had to undergo an operation for the removal of one of his legs at the time of the accident, had the other leg amputated today at Fairmont Hospital. Efforts were made to save the leg, but it was found necessary today to remove it.

Children Speak—Four minute talks are being made in the streets of the city this week by the school children in the interest of the tuberculosis Christmas seal sale, which they are conducting this week and the students of the Fleming School who are scheduled to make speeches are Miss Martha Brock, Miss Beatrice Numan, Claire Epp, John William Bloom, Doyle Gowder, Herndon Solder and Harvey Hall.

Wants a Home—Laughing blue eyes, which belong to a little dark-haired girl at the Salvation Army Nursery, are pleading earnestly for a home. She is only six months old, and she wants a nice home, before Christmas. Is there not someone, somewhere, who would like to have her?

Children Speak—To promote the purchasing of the tuberculosis penny Christmas seals, which they are selling this week, school children are making four minute talks in the theaters of the city, daily, and those who are speaking in the theaters today are as follows: Blue Ridge, Miss Jane Miller of the White School at 9 p. m.; Nelson, Miss Jane Morgan of the Butcher School at 4:30 p. m.; Miss Martha Brock of the Fleming School at 7 p. m.; John William Bloom of the Fleming School at 9 p. m.; Princess, Miss Mary Lewis of the Butcher School at 7:30 p. m.; Miss Frances Hauey of the Miller School.

LATE WANT ADS.

THREE BASEMENT ROOMS unfurnished. Newly finished, gas and electricity. No children. Phone 7333. 6186 A
SLEEPING ROOMS. 412 Jackson street. 6187 A

MOTHER AND BABE OVERCOME BY GAS

Father in Serious Condition in Cook Hospital and May Die.

Mrs. Enrico Genovese died at 4 o'clock this morning at Cook Hospital as a result of inhaling while sleeping Sunday night a large amount of carbon monoxide gas. Tonia Genovese, her infant daughter, was found dead when neighbors entered their home late yesterday afternoon, and her husband is a patient in Cook Hospital still seriously ill, but attending physicians believe that he will recover.

The tragedy was discovered last evening when Antonio Arcuri, the next door neighbor of the Genovese family, having seen no sign of life around the house all day yesterday, entered the house. Arcuri found Mr. and Mrs. Genovese and the infant babe all in bed. The child was dead and Mr. and Mrs. Genovese unconscious. A gas fire and a light were burning in the room.

Physicians were called and Doctors O'Farrell, Hunt, Howard and Causey responded to the distress call. Chief Watkins of the fire department was also called to bring the city's pulmonary to try to restore the parents of the child. In a short time the doctors had the two older persons breathing, and they were rushed to Cook Hospital.

Upon arrival at the hospital the doctors made a vain fight to save the life of Mrs. Genovese, but as the hours slowly slipped by it was seen that all their efforts were to be in vain. Undaunted, however, they worked until almost morning, when the patient ceased to breathe. While the fruitless effort was being made upon Mrs. Genovese the doctors taking care of her husband were more successful and unless something new develops he will survive.

Improper combustion and the fact that the room was closed up caused the death of two and may yet result fatally to the third member of the family. This objectionable gas formed by the bad mixture filled the small room, the pure air in the room was soon polluted and the sleepers breathed the poisoned gas into their lungs, causing them to lose consciousness.

The child was not strong enough to survive the poisonous gas, and it had quietly died before Mr. Arcuri entered the room. If the rescue had not been effected at the time it was, both Mr. and Mrs. Genovese would have been dead in another hour or so.

No funeral arrangements have been made as yet, and they will probably be held up until tomorrow, pending developments in the case of the third member of the family. The bodies of Mrs. Genovese and the child were removed to the Cunningham morgue and prepared for burial.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO FUNERAL CHARTERED

A party of local people, including Mr. and Mrs. Howard Showalter, of this city, Mrs. E. M. Showalter, Brock, Emmett and Howard Showalter, the latter of Morgantown, John W. Mason, Jr., and several others, who left here in automobiles this morning to attend the funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Showalter, parents of Judge E. M. and Howard Showalter, at Smithfield, Pa., this afternoon were forced to return home on account of the condition of the highway between here and Morgantown. A special train of two coaches was secured over the Baltimore and Ohio for the party, the special leaving here at noon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses have been issued in the office of County Clerk Lee N. Satterfield: Joe Varulich, 22, and Mary Tonsie, 17, both of Ida May. Joe Tonsie, father of Mary Tonsie, appeared in person and gave his consent.

David Vernon Fast 20, and Audra Dixon, 17, both of Fairmont. Smith Fast, father of David Vernon Fast, and Henry Dixon father of Audra Dixon, appeared in person and gave their consent.

Okey Lee Masters, 24, divorced, and Jesse Olive Toothman, 21, both of Mannington.
Mike Savich, 29, Barrackville, and Mary Herzog, 29, widow, Lakota.
Homer B. Martin, 23, Shinnston, and June Minnear, 18, Hutchinson. W. C. Minnear father of June Minnear, gave his consent in writing.

NEW BRAKENEN ADDED.

The B. & O. put five additional brakemen to work today out of Fairmont. There have been probably ten brakemen put to work during the past two weeks.

His Ambition.
Kindly Old Gent: Well, my little man, what would you like to be when you grow up?
Little Man: I'd like to be a nice old gentleman like you with nothing to do but walk around and ask questions.

Manager: So the great critic invited you to dine with him?
Actor: Yes, but his choice of menu was not only utterly without tact, but also cruelly suggestive.
Manager: Dear me! What was it?
Actor: He actually put me down to what he called a good roast.

Gentleman—"What are you crying about, my boy?"
Boy—"My kite won't fly, and I made it out of flypaper, too."

When college professors saw this picture of Miss Julia Boone, the star sprinter who adopted men's running trunks to breathe in the University of Washington halls of learning. It is rumored that Miss Boone and other members of the co-ed track team who adopted the abbreviated garments are taking a rest from athletics for the remainder of the season.

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Smyrna Refugee Registers Happiness



There was pep and gusto in the dance by which this refugee from stricken Smyrna, expressed his gratitude and happiness. Surrounded by American gobs on the Turkish peril to the American warship, this language to tell his emotions.

company is reported to have threatened the customary fine. To what degree it was successful has not been learned.

Under the regulations of the United Mine Workers of America the polls are open all day, which really extends from 12 a. m. to 12 p. m. today. It may require a week or ten days to ascertain the results. The rivalry is very spirited, especially insofar as it pertains to the fight for sub-district president in No. 4. There are three candidates: Nick Aiello, Fairmont; James McCleary, Brookfield; and Andrew McComas, Wyatt.

J. F. Forinash, president of sub-district 3, was of the opinion today that all of the present officers in sub-district 3 would be re-elected.

Railroad Fuel
Railroad fuel loading off the Monongah Division, B. & O. on Monday aggregated 477 cars, of which 32 cars were foreign and 166 cars D. & O. Foreign loads off the M. & W. were 201 yesterday, while nineteen foreign and two B. & O. loads were loaded off the Connelville Division yesterday.

Off the B. & W. there were thirty-six cars of W. M. fuel loaded. Thirty-three cars of railroad fuel were loaded off the Charles Division, all of which went to foreign carriers except ten cars.

Coke Production
Eighty-two cars of coke were loaded off the various divisions of Northern West Virginia, all going east except twenty cars. Divisional coke loading was: B. & O. Monongah, 52 cars; Charleston, 3 cars; Connelville, 6 cars; Cumberland, 3 cars; M. & K., 18 cars.

Pier Shipments
Coal loading appears to be chiefly to the east. Off the Monongah Division there were 1,368 cars in that direction to 227 west. Curren Bay took on a new lease of life yesterday and 120 cars went to that pier. Twenty-two cars went to Arlington Pier.

On Inspection Trip.
F. R. Lyon, vice president, and Brooks Fleming, Jr., assistant to the president, Consolidation Coal Co., are on an inspection trip to Jenkins, Ky., and Coalwood, W. Va. They are expected to return to Fairmont in a few days.

Treated Rough.
The stingiest man was scoring the hired man for his extravagance in wishing to carry a lantern in going to see his best girl.

"The idea," he scoffed, "When I was courtin' I never carried no lantern. I went in the dark."
The hired man proceeded to fill the lantern. "Yes," he said sadly, "and look what you got."

Teacher—"I have taught you all there is to know about long measure, and now I want any boy who is doubtful on any point to question me about it."
Pupil—"P-please, ma'am, how many policemen's feet does it take to make a Scotland yard?"

The bill contains several pages of allegations, among which is the statement that the purpose of the company was to build and operate a standard gauge railroad between Waynesburg and Blacksburg, and to later merge with the Morgantown and Wheeling Railway Co., of West Virginia, and thus form a continuous line of railroad from Waynesburg to Morgantown.

The allegations further set up that Manning Stires for himself and as trustee for his associates and for the Morgantown and Wheeling Railway Co., of Pennsylvania acquired in connection with the completion of the West Virginia project 1,764 shares of the capital stock of the West Virginia corporation, and that he is obligated by his contract to deliver the same to the Pennsylvania corporation, but that contrary to his agreement and obligations he has entered into an agreement with J. V. Thompson, W. H. Conaway and other defendants named to transfer the stock to them and thereby obtain a larger financial return for himself. The effect of this act upon the part of Stires, the bill states, would be to destroy the opportunity of carrying out the entire project between Morgantown and Waynesburg and deprive the plaintiff of its rights.

RING 'EM UP FIRST
Cornelia: "I see that another effort to get in communication with Mars has ended in failure."
Weirfield: "Yes, I don't think they will ever be able to communicate with Mars unless they first hoist a signal so that she will be on the lookout for it."

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STRONG TONE IN MARKET SHOWN

Considerable Headway Made by Many Issues During Afternoon Today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Active buying of special stocks in which there is a favorable dividend movement provided the impetus for advances in today's stock market. Reports that the 1-1/2 per cent semi-annual dividend on Great Northern preferred would be maintained encouraged active buying of railroad shares, particularly the dividend paying issues. After sharp rises in sterling exchange and lower call money rates had a cheerful effect on sentiment. Sales approximated 800,000 shares.

The stock market showed a stronger tone as the session progressed with the professional traders directing their efforts against stocks in which a large short interest was suspected. U. S. Steel, Baldwin, Corn Products, American Can, and Studebaker made considerable headway in the early afternoon. Less active shares also moved up, notably, Fisher Body extending its rise to 8 1/2 points and May Department Stores 6. Houston Oil improved 3 1/2 and Gulf States Steel 3 points.

The closing was firm. Special buying in a long list of minor stocks provided a cover for profit taking sales in some of the more popular issues toward the close but the recessions, as a rule, were limited to fractions.

Allied Chemical & Dye	79 1/2
Allis-Chalmers	44
Amer. Beet Sugar	40 1/2
Amer. Can	74
Amer. Car & Foundry	184 1/2
Amer. Tide & Leather	61 1/2
Amer. International Corp.	40 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	124
Amer. Smelting & Refs.	54 1/2
Amer. Sugar	75 1/2
Amer. Sumatra Tobacco	20 1/2
Amer. T. & T.	124 1/2
Amer. Tobacco	154
Amer. Woolen	95 1/2
Anacostia Copper	48 1/2
Atchafalpa	101
Atl. Gulf and W. Indies	24 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	125
Baltimore and Ohio	42 1/2
Bethlehem Steel "B"	62 1/2
Canadian Pacific	148 1/2
Central Leather	24 1/2
Chandler Motors	68 1/2
Chesapeake and Ohio	60 1/2
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	22 1/2
Chicago, R. I. and Pac.	38 1/2
Chino Copper	24 1/2
Colorado Fuel and Iron	23 1/2
Corn Products	133
Cruible Steel	102 1/2
Erie	102 1/2
Famous Players-Lasky	93 1/2
General Asphalt	46 1/2
General Electric	182
General Motors	134
Goodrich Co.	30 1/2
Great Northern	80 1/2
Illinois Central	107
Inspiration Copper	33 1/2
International Harvester	87 1/2
International Paper	53 1/2
Ironclad Oil	15
Kelly-Springfield Tire	16 1/2
Kennecott Copper	94 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	36 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	23 1/2
Miami Copper	27 1/2
Middle States Oil	11
Midvale Steel	28 1/2
Missouri Pacific	16 1/2
N. Y. Central	95 1/2
N. Y. N. H. and Hartford	31 1/2
Norfolk & Western	111
Northern Pacific	75 1/2
Oak. Prod. & Ref.	2
Pacific Oil	47 1/2
Pan. American Petroleum	80 1/2
Pennsylvania	48 1/2
People's Gas	83 1/2
Pure Oil	37 1/2
Ray Consolidated Copper	12 1/2
Reading	75 1/2
Rep. Iron and Steel	46 1/2
Royal Dutch N. Y.	52 1/2
Sears Roebuck	81 1/2
Sinclair Oil	31 1/2
Southern Pacific	88 1/2
Southern Railway	23 1/2
Standard Oil of N. J.	199
Studebaker Corp.	133 1/2
Tennessee Copper	94
Texas Co.	47 1/2
Texas and Pacific	21 1/2
Tobacco Products	80 1/2
Transcontinental Oil	12
Union Pacific	44
United Retail Stores	68
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	97 1/2
United States Rubber	53 1/2
United States Steel	103 1/2
Utah Copper	62
Westinghouse Electric	58 1/2
Willys Overland	6

Liberty Bonds

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Liberty bonds at 1 p. m.: Liberty 3 1-2's \$100.24; second 4's \$98.50; first 4 1-4's \$99.19; second 4 1-4's \$98.56; third 4 1-4's \$98.92; fourth 4 1-4's \$98.32; Victory 4 3-4's uncallable \$100.38; Victory 4 3-4's callable \$100.

Pittsburgh Livestock

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12.—Hogs receipts 3,000; heavies \$575 @ \$3.30; heavy yorkers light yorkers and pigs \$9.15 @ \$9.25. Sheep and lambs receipts 500 steady; sheep \$8.50; lambs \$15.25. Calves receipts 200, lower, top \$12.50.

Chicago Grain

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Cold weather threatening crop damage tended to lift wheat prices today during the early dealings, and so likewise did an upturn in sterling exchange. The strength of sterling more than offset the fact that Liverpool quotations of wheat showed but little response to yesterday's advance here. Continued notice of advance of prices and extension credit measures at Washington counted also in favor of the bull side of the market. The opening which varied from unchanged figures to 3-4c higher, with May \$1.20 3-8 to \$1.20 1-2 and July \$1.12 1-2 to \$1.12 1-2.

was followed by a slight sag and then by material gains all around. Corn ascended with wheat. After opening unchanged to a shade off May \$1.13 to \$1.14 the market scored a moderate general advance. Oats were relatively weak owing to liquidating sales on the part of holders of December contracts. Prices started unchanged to 1-4c lower, May \$1.45 to \$1.46 but later showed small gains for May and July. Provisions declined as a result of lower hog values.

SUPERVISORS IN MEETING DISCUSS WATER CASE HERE

Comments in Paper by W. J. E. Dale Starts General Talk at Session.

Comments on the water situation in Fairmont in a paper on "A Version of Good Citizenship" made by W. J. E. Dale of the M. P. & R. Co., at a meeting of the Supervisors Club at the Y. M. C. A. Building last night gave opportunity for a brief general discussion of the water here by members of the club. Several persons, including R. H. Dollison, William T. Black and J. F. Wells, made short talks and expressed their views on the situation. No formal action was taken by the club, however.

The section of the paper by Mr. Dale, which made it impossible for the writer to deliver it, dealing with the water situation, followed: "The state of health of your immediate subordinates are essential to the operation of your industry, and it is therefore your duty to cooperate with your city officials in pointing out a way to make the conditions better. The city official is usually a busy man, and constantly under criticism, yet he does the best that he can in your silence, whereas, if you would turn to and assist him every way, to get better home conditions, your employees would be some more valuable to you, if his home surroundings are made enjoyable by good sanitary conditions."

"The water pure and usable. Gentlemen here is an object worthy of your attention. A better water system, there seems to be considerable confusion over the water issues, and there is a necessity for your co-operation with your government officials in that the water problem may be solved. I will add my versions on this subject, and I base them upon the actual contact that I have had heretofore in many parts of the world. It appears to me that with a city of the size of Fairmont, there should be an adequate supply of good water in every man's home. The great question that confronts you all, and the other citizens of the community, is the financing of such a project, which will never satisfactorily, and it seems that you all should profit by the past experience of other municipalities who have been adventurous. I think that you will find after careful investigation that they have, after considerable expenditures, called the filtration system a failure, and wherever there were streams of pure natural water, they have gone many miles to bring that water into the city. For instance New York City, having two very large rivers where pumping plants could be installed, and in fact in the earlier days were the only supply that the city had, they got away from the river water, because the expensive filtration systems kept them broke, and still their water condition was not good. They bonded the city water system and spent several millions of dollars went way back into the mountains built huge dams and reservoirs, making enormous lakes, and installed at several places what is called the aeration plants, where there might be added a certain amount of chlorine gas as to kill the fauna, which is a rather vegetable savor of the water, yet not in any way injurious, but offensive in taste and smell. I call your attention to Portland, Ore., where several years ago, they went into the interior, to what is called the Bull Run near Mount Hood, and obtained the pure water from mountain streams. The same may be found at Seattle, Tacoma and in fact most all of the western cities. At San Francisco, they went several miles to the Metcalf, Hechey, And after all, Fairmont is of the same importance as any of these cities and so it is located to streams in accessible distance as any one of the cities I have mentioned."

"I am not prepared to give any fact as to costs, but I really believe that the water system merits your attention, and the most practical method should be sought. My object in mentioning the water system is merely to point to the importance that it is to you."

There seemed to be a desire on the part of the membership to go back to the mountains for a water supply for Fairmont, at least for drinking purposes. One man suggested a double system of water in Fairmont, river water for fire and in emergencies, and the other for drinking purposes.

Following the dinner at 6:30 Mrs. E. M. Moser sang two songs. She was accompanied by Miss Helen Poole. A rising voice of thanks was tendered the women for their entertainment and also a similar vote of thanks was extended to W. J. E. Dale.

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ticket for that boy ma'am, and a conductor, speaking to a quiet looking little woman. The woman declined to pay.

"You'll pay for that boy or I'll stop the train and put him off," he persisted.

"All right, put him off," she said.

"You ought to know the rules. How old is that boy?"
"I don't know. I never saw him before."

VICIOUS.
The captain had ordered his men not to forage. That night he met a corporal coming in with a sheep over his shoulder.

"Forget what I said this morning, Corporal?"

"Well—well, no, Captain, but no blamed sheep can bite me and get away with it."—The American Legion Weekly.

The Arab, he goes his way. Folds up his tent, 'tis said. It's all that we can do to-day. To move a folding bed.

There is something soothing in the rhythmic click of the barber's razor as he plays "Home, sweet home."

Farmer Brown—So you've not back from New York, have you, Sil? How did you feel in such a big city?

Farmer Green—I felt for my pocketbook most o' the time.

"All right back there?" asked the conductor from the front of the car. "Hold on," came a feminine voice. Wait until I get my clothes on. The entire car turned around and craned their necks expectantly. Mr. Drawer got on with a basket of laundry.

"There was a chap just looking for you, Jones."

"Was he tall or short?"

"Both."

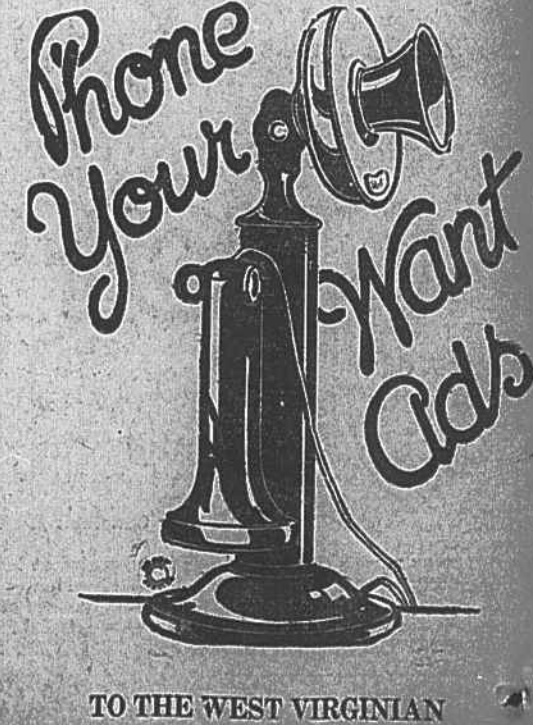
"What do you mean?"

"He was a tall man and he said he wanted to borrow a dollar."

The boy who never knows where he stands will not be likely to stand anywhere long.

Teacher—Do you know, Paul, when shingles first came into use? Paul—I think when I was between 5 and 6 years old, ma'am.

"Now," said the teacher, "talk on architecture, 'can any of you tell me what buttress is?'"
"I know," replied Roy "it's a nany goat."



TO THE WEST VIRGINIAN